



The Cathlapotle Plankhouse
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Keeping Up with the Past: Cathlapotle Plankhouse September-October 2011



Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Carty Unit, 28908 NW Main Ave., Ridgefield, WA, (360) 887-4106, www.ridgefieldfriends.org

Get Ready for the 12th Annual Birdfest & Bluegrass!

Join the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge for two days of fun in the city of Ridgefield and at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. For a complete schedule of activities happening in Ridgefield and on the Refuge visit www.ridgefieldfriends.org.

The following is the program schedule for the Cathlapotle Plankhouse:

Saturday, Oct. 8

Flintknapping Demonstrations

12-4pm

Dennis Torresdal, President of the Oregon Archaeological Society.

Traditional Land Management Strategies

1pm

Cowlitz Indian Tribe Ecologist, Nathan Reynolds, will discuss different land management strategies used by local Native American populations, including purposeful use of fire in Prairie and Oak Habitats.

Cathlapotle Village Overview and Site Walk

2pm

Join an archaeologist as they give an overview of the Cathlapotle Village that once existed here on the refuge and lead a walk to the archaeology site. The walk will take approximately 2 hours over uneven terrain. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothes.

Sunday, Oct. 9

Northwest Native American Basketry

12:30pm

Join regional expert Margaret Mathewson as she presents on Pacific Northwest basketry techniques and styles.

Keeping Traditions Alive

1:30pm

Sam Robinson, Vice-Chair of the Chinook Indian Nation, shares with visitors how the Chinook are keeping the traditions of their ancestors alive today.

Traditional Salmon Bake

2:30-4:30pm

Following a traditional blessing, tastings will be available from a traditional salmon bake coordinated by Greg Robinson, Chinook Indian Nation, and Greg Archuleta, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Complimentary samples while supplies last, donations appreciated.

Children's activities available Saturday and Sunday, 12-4pm.

For more information about plankhouse events contact Katie Harrison at Katie_Harrison@fws.gov or call 360-887-4106.

Cathlapotle Plankhouse programs are funded through the generous support of the following:

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"Invest in Wildlife" Success!

A big thank you to all who came out and supported the "Invest in Wildlife" Friends fundraiser! Over 100 supporters came out to the Liberty Theater on September 24 to enjoy food and friends and to bid on some of the fantastic items up for grabs in the silent and live auction. Funds will help support the education and habitat restoration programs on the refuge. These funds will also assist schools with costs associated with bus transportation to the refuge for field trips.

THANK YOU!



Top: Attendees check out all of the silent auction items before bidding closes.



Center: The proud winner of the white-breasted nuthatch quilt claims her prize.
Bottom: Guests enjoy the delicious appetizers served at the event.



If you couldn't make it out to the fundraiser it's not too late to help! Just become a member of the Friends of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge at www.ridgefieldfriends.org. Membership starts at just \$25 and members receive a monthly e-newsletter with happenings on the refuge.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**Come on out and help us with Birdfest and Bluegrass
Oct. 8-9!**

This is our last big event for the year and it includes so many fun activities! Also, snacks will be included for each volunteer shift.

The Plankhouse needs volunteers for the following shifts:

Saturday, Oct. 8

11:30-4:00 - Children's Activities

12-4pm - Plankhouse docent

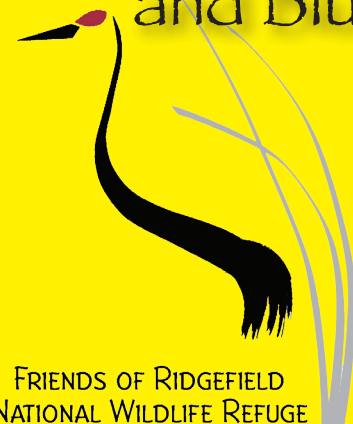
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To sign up for a shift contact Josie Finley at Josie_Finley@fws.gov.

Birdfest and Bluegrass



FRIENDS OF RIDGEFIELD
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Join us for a Birdfest Volunteer Orientation on Thursday, Sept. 29, 7-8pm at the fire station located at 911 N 65th Ave., Ridgefield, WA. Pizza and beverages included!